



## FIVE NAVY MEDICINE MOMENTS IN DECEMBER 2018 [PHOTOS]

Every day, more than 63,000 Navy Medicine personnel are operating forward around the world, providing agile and rapid health care support to the Navy and Marine Corps. Saving lives wherever our forces operate is what we do, be it above the sea, on the sea, below the sea or on the battlefield. The following photos depict important events and our medical professionals at work during December 2018.



*UNDISCLOSED LOCATION (Dec. 17, 2018) – U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Mathew Park, a corpsman with 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, currently assigned to 3rd Marine Division, takes a knee before reaching the last objective during exercise Forest Light 19.1, in Hijiudai Maneuver Area, Japan, on Dec. 17, 2018. This is the first time in 13 years that the reserve unit 2/23 is active and deployed to the Indo-Pacific region. They will conduct multiple bilateral training exercises in various countries to improve their combat readiness and strengthen international relationships. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Christine Phelps)*



*ATLANTIC OCEAN (Dec. 20, 2018) – Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Mercy Chepkoech administers an anthrax vaccine to Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Deven B. King in medical triage aboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3). Kearsarge is on a scheduled deployment as part of the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group in support of maritime security operations, crisis response and theater security cooperation, while also providing a forward naval presence. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Kaitlyn E. Eads/Released)*



*ATLANTIC OCEAN (Dec. 28, 2018) – Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Timothy Berkimer checks a sample in the medical lab aboard amphibious transport dock ship USS Arlington (LPD 24). Arlington is making a scheduled deployment as part of the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group in support of maritime security operations, crisis response and theater security cooperation, while also providing a forward naval presence. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Brandon Parker/RELEASED)*



*MEDITERRANEAN SEA (Dec. 31, 2018) – U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class John Thompson conducts a routine dental cleaning on Chief Logistics Specialist Radek Niewiadomski in the dental clinic aboard the Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) in the Mediterranean Sea. The Kearsarge is on a scheduled deployment as part of the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group in support of maritime security operations, crisis response and theater security cooperation, while also providing a forward naval presence. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Ryre Arciaga)*



*SAN DIEGO (Jan. 1, 2019) – Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Eldredge Jones demonstrates using an augmented reality-capable helmet while simulating treatment on Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Dante*

*Ferri. They are showing how the Tele-Critical Care Unit (TCCU) at Naval Medical Center San Diego can provide real-time guidance to the provider in the field. The TCCU is the only functional unit of its type in the world. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class R. David Valdez/Released/HIPAA Release forms available upon request.)*